

Postoffice Station 23; Western Union Telegraph; Store Closes 5 P. M., Sat. 6

Miller & Rhoads

Very Important News!

To-day, Thursday Morning

We Will Offer the Following
Big Reductions in Summer

Wash Dress Goods

3,146 Yards

Ratine Raye, Beauty Cloth, Figured and
Striped "New Cloth," Also Brocades

10^c
yard

(Formerly Twenty-Five Cents a Yard)

Also

2,484 Yards

Colored Linen, Ratine and Bedford
Cords, at

8^c

Formerly 19c yd.

LITTLE CHILDREN WORK WITH MOTHER'S CONSENT

Convictions Secured by Bureau of
Labor in Crab-Picking
Cases.

SOME AS YOUNG AS SIX YEARS

Manager Claims to Have Employed
Mother on Piece-Work Basis, and
She Brought Children to Aid.
Fines Are Suspended.

The charge made by Industrial Inspector J. H. Binford in his report to State Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty last week that tiny children of tender age, some only six years, were employed in factories on the Virginia peninsula opening and picking crabs to be packed for shipment, was fully sustained yesterday by evidence adduced at the trial of the case of L. M. Newcomb, in Phoenix. The allegations made were confirmed by the testimony of witnesses, L. M. Newcomb, proprietor of the crab factory, did not deny that children as young as six years were put to work in his factory, but he declared that he did not employ such children. He explained that in one specific case, which was given particular consideration, because of the tiny mite of humanity involved, the child was brought to the factory by the mother. The mother was an employee. She was engaged under the piece-work system, the amount of her earnings depending upon the amount of work done. She brought the child with her to assist in the work. Mr. Newcomb declared that his consent had not been asked, and he was unaware that the law held him responsible.

MAGISTRATE SUSTAINS
FINES IN ALL CASES
In view of this plea, and the fact that it was a first offense, the court held him guilty, but suspended the fine of \$25 prescribed by the law. The decision as to the fine will be announced later.

The Department of Labor, through the evidence produced in court by Inspector Binford, also secured convictions in all of the four similar cases prosecuted at the same time in Hampton. These cases were tried by Mayor Thornton Jones, who adjourned each of the following proprietors or managers of crab factories guilty, but in each case reserved decision as to the fine to be imposed.

J. H. Jarvis, crab packer and shipper, G. T. Elliott, crab factory; Rawlings, Conter & Co., crab packers and shippers; V. S. Langford, crab packer and shipper.

NO PARCEL POST SERVICE WITH FRANCE OR GERMANY

Postmaster Thornton Receives In-
structions as to Mail for Con-
tinental Europe.

NO MONEY ORDERS FOR EGYPT

Special Precautions to Govern For-
eign Registered Mail—Parcels Sent
to War Zone, if Not Deliverable,
Will Be Returned to Sender.

Instructions have been received at the local post-office to discontinue the acceptance of parcel post matter consigned to France and Germany. The department on account of the war between those two nations, and it is expected that other countries will be added to the embargo list within a few days.

Postmaster Hay T. Thornton was instructed yesterday that the postal administration of Egypt had called the attention of the United States post-office to the fact that no money orders would be issued on account of the war between those two nations, and it is expected that other countries will be added to the embargo list within a few days.

The foreign parcel post business has been temporarily suspended, and all parcels now mailed, or which may be mailed, must be accepted through intermediate, will be returned to the sender, and the prepaid postage refunded.

HAND ORGANS BANISHED

Chief of Police Directs Music Grinders to Cease Operating on Streets. Orders directing the police to stop organ grinders from operating their organs on the streets of the city were issued from the office of Chief Werner yesterday. The grinders have come to the notice of the department several times of late due to numerous complaints registered against them by various citizens. The S. C. A. first asked that their monkeys be taken from them, and this was done, then residents asked that the hours during which they might be allowed to play be limited to those between 5 in the morning and 9 in the evening. The order issued yesterday banishes them from Richmond entirely.

Suspicious Character.
William Harris, colored, was last night arrested by Patrolman Cousin, charged with being a suspicious character, suspected of stealing \$109 from James Riddle.

HOWITZERS TO TAKE HIKE TO BUTLER'S FARM

Will Leave Here Saturday Afternoon.
One Platoon Traveling Mounted,
Others on Foot.

PREPARING FOR ENCAMPMENT

Captain Myers Expects to Take Fully
100 Men to Mount Tobyhanna for
Big Gun Drill Under War Con-
ditions.

Under the command of Captain William M. Myers, the Richmond Howitzers will take the third and final week-end hike of the summer on Saturday. The second platoon of the battery will be mounted, and the first and third, which have been mounted on previous trips, will travel on foot.

The battery will leave the armory about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and will bivouac on the Butler Farm, near Stop 2, on Cary Street Road. The mounted platoon will spend the following day in gun drill and field evolutions, while the other men will receive instruction in signaling, field telephoning and the use of the sight and range finding instruments.

The Howitzers, by these week-end trips, expect to gain much practical knowledge which will aid them when they go into camp the latter part of the month at Mt. Tobyhanna, Pa. The battery has started working hard for the strenuous artillery camp. The regular gun drill is being held on Tuesday nights, while the "rookies" are receiving instruction in the duties of a soldier, gun drill and guard mounting, on Thursday nights. An officers' school is also being held on Saturday night. Every member of the battery is entrusted over the approaching trip, and is putting forth every effort to make a record for the militia batteries in camp. Captain Myers expects to take at least 100 enlisted men to Mt. Tobyhanna, and new men are being enlisted each week to swell the number, six having been enlisted on Tuesday night.

HAS FRACTURED SPINE

George A. Bristol Falls Down Steps
George A. Bristol, of Orange, was brought to the Virginia Hospital last night to be treated for a fracture of the spine. He fell down the steps of the opera house at that place, it is said. The police were asked to see that he was entered in a hospital here. Ambulance Surgeons Pitkowitz, who took him from Elba to the hospital, said that he would be operated upon if it was found that the fracture was reducible.

SKETCHES FROM LIFE -- By Temple



At the Seashore

TEN-CENT THEFT CAUSES GENERAL POLICE ALARM

Plain-Clothes Officers Are Sent Out to
Investigate Alleged Stealing
of Egg Sandwich.

LOSSES ARE EXAGGERATED

Police Complain of Trivial Nature of
Complaints Made to Headquarters,
and on Which Much Valuable
Time Is Expended.

The record price of \$10 for an egg sandwich was yesterday noted in Richmond. Although the prices of food stuffs were expected to soar as a result of the international war, which is now being waged in Europe, the price noted above passes all high water marks ever recorded here. It even surpasses those of the days of '65, when food cost hundreds of dollars in Confederate money.

Information of the valuation placed on this particular egg sandwich came through police channels, and was brought to light by Detective Sergeant Wilshire and Bailey, who were yesterday assigned to investigate the reported footing of the Chesapeake and Ohio street at Ninth and Canal Streets. During the preceding afternoon, the following report was made to police headquarters:

R. E. Stewart, car inspector of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, at Ninth Street, reports that some one broke into the shack at Ninth and Canal Streets and stole a black coat, valued at \$5, and a lot of butter and eggs, valued at \$10. With visions of half a wagon load of food stuffs being carried away by some unknown person, the two officers set out on the quest yesterday morning. They were determined that Richmonders should not suffer from the theft, and that the guilty parties should be brought to justice.

HOOKED ONE SANDWICH

THROUGH OPEN WINDOW
Their first inquiries were made at the shack which had been robbed. This was also the last place which they visited, for the mystery was solved without going further. They saw the window which had been smashed, and were shown the stick with the nail in the end by which the thief had managed to hook the loot and draw it through the window. This explanation caused the detectives to exchange questioning glances, and with one breath they asked about the butter and eggs.

"Butter and eggs?" ejaculated the man in charge of the shack, "why, you see, it was an egg sandwich, the butter was on the bread and the eggs were between the slices. The coat was an old mohair affair, which had been worn until it was almost threadbare. It originally cost \$5, and I guess some one made a mistake in reporting the valuation of the butter and eggs, and wrote \$10 instead of 5 cents."

Two crestfallen detectives "simultaneously" raised their hands into the air and gasped, "Never again!" as they started to investigate the second report turned over to them that the valuation of the lost articles is greatly exaggerated and are frequently made to the police, and cause the force at headquarters and the men on the streets great loss of time, but the incident of the butter and eggs, which Detective Wilshire and Bailey yesterday investigated, is believed to hold a record all its own.

WILL PRESENT EVIDENCE OF SCHOOL EFFICIENCY

Virginia Exhibit at San Francisco to
Refute Slanders of Russell
Sage Foundation.

MAKING WONDERFUL STRIDES

Ten Years Ago There Were Eighty-
Five High Schools in Virginia; at
Present There Are 496, Says Di-
rector Everett.

With a view to making an imposing exhibit of the educational advantages Virginia offers and the superiority of the public school system of the State over the systems of education in vogue in many other States, the State Board of Education is seeking the co-operation of business men and school officials in every city and county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction R. C. Stearnes has designated to supervise and direct the work of assembling the exhibit of this State, by the Department of Education at the Panama-Pacific Exposition Professor J. W. Everett, editor of the Virginia Journal of Education, the authorized publication of the department. His experience in preparing an exhibit less pretentious than the one now contemplated has taught Professor Everett that many weeks of preparation are necessary. He collected a county exhibit for the Jamestown Exposition, and the tardiness of individual exhibitors delayed the work considerably.

SHOULD PREPARE

EXHIBITS IMMEDIATELY
Professor Everett suggests that exhibitors begin the preparation of the exhibit immediately. All shipments must be delivered by October 15. Information concerning the exhibit to be made by the State in San Francisco may be obtained by applying in person or by mail to the State Board of Education or to Professor Everett.

The principal object of the exhibit to be made at the Golden Gate is to advertise to the world the splendid educational system of this State, to show the phenomenal advances made in the last ten years; to explain the rapid decline of illiteracy in Virginia during this period and how it was accomplished, and to show the excellent results obtained through progressive policies recently adopted by the Virginia State Board of Education.

Ten years ago there were but eighty-five high schools in Virginia, while at present there are 496.

"We are eager to make this exhibit worth while," said Professor Everett last night. "We think it can be turned to good account as an advertisement and made to redound to the interests of the State in a substantial way. We would like to see people throughout the State take an interest in it. They should realize the splendid opportunity thus presented for showing the amazing strides made by Virginia in educational matters during the last decade and the excellent advantages now offered home-seekers by this State."

"Owing to the misleading figures given out by the Russell Sage Foundation report and governmental statistics, Virginia has been given a black eye educationally. She has been placed forty-first in the list of States for educational efficiency. The State should disprove it. Now is the opportune time. The evidence is at hand—abundant evidence—and it only remains for the people of Virginia to present this evidence effectively."

War War War

No matter what happens, money is necessary. How comfortable those who have Savings Accounts with a good balance feel, when they know they have enough laid by to keep them and those dependent upon them for a year if work gets slack or anything interferes with the income account. Are you independent? Take our advice and don't be satisfied until you are.

We will help you—give us the opportunity.
The American National Bank
OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
SECURITY AND SERVICE.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,600,000.00
RESOURCES \$9,300,000.00

Men's \$20 Suits Reduced to \$11

Lots of them left in this special reduction sale which continues this morning.
All sizes and a full range of models and colors.

Gans-Rady Company

RICHMOND POST-OFFICE BILL PASSES SENATE

Government Now Fully Committed
to Enlargement of Local
Federal Building.

AMOUNT IS NOT SUFFICIENT

Blair Says Owners Will Hold Out for
\$600,000—Government Appraisers
Will Be Called On to Put Valuation
on Property.

In duplicating the earlier action of the House, the United States Senate yesterday paved the way for the enlargement of the Federal building in this city by passing a bill to appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purchase of the interest for one year and erect the annex. The bill was called up by Senator Swanson, and went through without opposition.

While the money necessary for the purchase will be forthcoming, there is still an obstacle in the path of progress—the intention of the owners to stick to the price set on the property several months ago, when \$600,000 was asked for it. The bill, as originally introduced in both houses, called for an appropriation of that amount, and Senator Swanson secured its passage, but the House Committee after several hearings and a visit to Richmond, reported it out at the present figure, and it was passed in the amended form on Monday.

The desired property is divided into two sections, each with a frontage of sixty feet and a depth of eighty feet, with an intervening alley of four feet. The lower half, which fronts on Main Street, is owned by a syndicate headed by A. B. Blair, and is held for \$450,000. The rear portion, fronting on Bank Street, controlled by J. D. Curran, is valued by its owners at \$200,000.

OWNERS WILL HOLD OUT

FOR FAVORABLE PRICE OF \$600,000
That it is the intention of the owners to maintain these prices is evident. Speaking for himself and associates, Mr. Blair last night said: "We shall certainly hold to our price, although we do not want to appear in the light of blocking progress. The property cost us \$450,000 in cold cash, and with the interest for one year and the taxes added, we do not feel in a position to relinquish it for less than \$450,000."

It is within the power of the government, however, to condemn the property at its own figures, and appraisers familiar with local values will be sent here to consider its proper worth. I am confident that they will report favorably for us, and that Congress, which is now committed to the purchase, will pass a supplementary appropriation at the next session.

Business people, generally, are highly elated at the passage of the Montague bill, which gives assurance that Richmond will continue to have adequate postal facilities. The growth of the local office has been phenomenal, and additional quarters have already become necessary, although the present building has been occupied only since last June.

FEDERAL BUILDING

ALREADY OVERCROWDED
The Federal Building is managed by the Treasury Department, and in it is housed the post office, the post-house, internal revenue department, United States courts and many other smaller departmental bureaus. Some of these smaller offices have been forced to the post-house, and on account of lack of room, and with the steady growth of the parcel post business, others will be crowded out before the annex can be completed.

It is not a bad idea, as needed by the post office, and it is probable that several local men will be named on the board. Their report will be presented before the short term of Congress in December, and if more money is needed, a supplementary bill can then be passed. After the land is formally bought, the department will begin the preparation of plans for the addition, and if reasonable progress is made, bids for the work can be asked in about eighteen months.

The annex, when erected, will contain the present building, and will add about 75,000 square feet of present floor space. It is generally conceded that Richmond was extremely lucky in getting the appropriation because of some big permanent structure. Congressman Montague and Senator Swanson, who ably backed up his efforts, are being warmly praised for their efforts in handling the plum for their home city.

CLOTHING COMPANY

REPORTS SWINDLE

Sent Shirts With Change for \$20 to
Hotel Galt, Who Has Dis-
appeared.

The Hix Clothing Company reported to the police that it had been swindled out of \$18.50, a dollar shirt and a pair of 50-cent socks by an unknown man at Reuger's Hotel yesterday. Detective Gordon Smith, who was assigned to the case, recovered the shirt and socks from the man's room at the hotel, but the man was not there this morning had not been able to get the man.

S. S. Thomas, of Baltimore, Md., is the name registered at the hotel by the man who got away with the money. He is a tall, dark man, about 35 years of age, with a mustache and a pair of glasses. He was wearing a shirt and socks, and leaving orders that change for \$20 should be sent to him at Reuger's Hotel. He was seen by the porter delivered the articles and the change to a hotel bell-boy, who took them to Thomas's room. He was seen by the porter to return below and tell the porter that he would be down soon. After waiting some time in the hotel, but not being there, it was learned that Thomas had disappeared. He left the shirt and socks in the room, and these were recovered.

Loose Arm on Railway

E. M. Jackson, of Middleburg, was run over on the Southern Railway near Forest Hill last night and suffered the loss of his left forearm. His scalp was lacerated in several places. He was operated on at Memorial Hospital.

Marriage License

License to marry was issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk ordering the marriage of John A. Childers, Jr., and Ruby B. Sato.

Regardless of the Wars

We continue to open
new savings accounts. One
young man deposited \$1.
He intends to lay aside \$1
every week from now on.
Another brought us his en-
tire savings. He had come
to realize that the home is
not a safe place for cash—
too much danger from fire,
thieves and accidents.

It is comforting to know
that, whatever may hap-
pen, your savings account
is always worth 100 cents
on the dollar in cash, and
at the same time pays 3
per cent compound interest.
May we not open an ac-
count for you?

"SAFEST FOR SAVINGS"

1101 East Main Street.

Merchants
NATIONAL BANK

SECRETARY BINFORD BACK FROM WISCONSIN

Tells of Amazing Industrial and Edu-
cational Progress of West-
ern State.

WILSON IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Summer School of Instruction at
State University Has 5,000 Stu-
dents and Large Appropriation.
Work of Industrial Commission.

Field Secretary J. H. Binford, of the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia, has returned from Madison, Wis., where he spent several weeks in attendance upon the Summer School of Instruction held there. "The University of Wisconsin," he said, "is one of the most advanced and progressive in America. I was greatly impressed by the things I saw there that would naturally attract the attention of anyone engaged in education."

WISCONSIN IS A STATE GOVERNED BY

the people. The Wisconsin system of government is under a commission. Education, business, everything is under the supervision of the people. This form of government for State affairs has been a success. I was particularly struck with the system and operation of the State Industrial Commission, which exercises powers over the factories and other industries of the State.

This form of government has been of great benefit, especially to the working people. An employee of an industrial plant, who suffers injury by an accident while at work, does not need to employ legal counsel if he feels that the accident was such as to entitle him to damages. He has only to present his case to the Industrial Commission. The commission then makes an inquiry into the circumstances attending the accident, and ascertains whether the injured workman is entitled to damages. If so, the commission acts as a court and fixes the compensation the injured man is to receive in the discussion.

Mr. Binford was also impressed by the popularity of President Wilson in Wisconsin. He said he heard the praises of the administration sounded everywhere he journeyed in the State. On one occasion during the summer school season the question of the President's popularity was being discussed by the educators when one suggested taking a straw ballot. There were 150 educators in the hall. Woodrow Wilson received four votes, for every one polled for any of the other public men named for next President in the discussion.

Suit Case Stolen

Walter Clark, 2200 Stuart Avenue, yesterday reported to the police that a suit case belonging to him had been stolen from the box in the Street Depot earlier in the morning.

Clothing Stolen

Frank Miller, 209 South Third Street, reported to the police yesterday that his suit case, containing a suit, a pair of shoes and a Panama hat, all valued at \$28, had been stolen.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Our bank is under direct supervision of the United States Government, security equal to any, and attention to every detail surpassed by none.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY